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SUBJ: ENTENTE COUNCIL OF MINISTER RECOMMENDS AFRICANIZATION OF  
ENTENTE SECRETARIAT

REF: LOME 269

1. UPON RECOMMENDATION BY FOREIGN MINISTER ALLADAYE OF BENIN,  
THE ENTENTE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ADOPTED A NEW ITEM OF BUSINESS  
DURING THEIR JANUARY 28-29 MEETING (SEE REFTEL). THIS WAS A  
MOTION THAT A RESTRUCTURING OF THE ENTENTE SECRETARIAT STAFF

TAKE PLACE. ALLADAYE SAID THAT THE FUND HAD HAD TEN YEARS OF  
SUCCESSFUL OPERATION BUT THE NUMBER AND COMPOSITION OF SENIOR  
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STAFF HAD REMAINED THE SAME AND EXCEPT FOR MR KAYA, THE  
ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY OF THE FUND, WERE ALL NON-AFRICAN.  
THE SUGGESTION THAT THE TIME HAD COME FOR POSSIBLE CHANGES  
BOTH IN THE CHARACTER AND COMPOSITION OF THE SECRETARIAT  
STAFF WAS ADOPTED FOR FORWARDING TO THE HEADS OF STATE FOR  
THEIR SUMMIT MEETING ON JANUARY 30, WITH A RESERVATION BY  
IVORY COAST TO THE EFFECT THAT IT MADE NO SENCE TO TALK IN

GENERAL TERMS ABOUT AFRICANIZATION OF THE SECRETARIAT WITHOUT  
A CHANGE IN THE MANDATE OF THE ORGANIZATION.

2. MEANWHILE, THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ADOPTED THE SUG-  
GESTION THAT MR KAYA SHOULD HAVE AN AFRICAN DEPUTY  
(REFTEL).

3. COMMENT: KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCES BELIEVE THAT THE MOST  
EFFECTIVE WAY TO AFRICANIZE THE SECRETARIAT WOULD BE TO  
BRING IN SENIOR PERSONNEL AND HAVE THE EXISTING FOUR NON-  
AFRICANS (THREE FRENCH AND ONE AMERICAN) BECOME ADVISORS TO  
THESE INDIVIDUALS. THERE ARE MORE ELABORATE PLANS FOR  
AFRICANIZATION WHICH WOULD INCLUDE SETTING UP NEW DEPARTMENTS  
OF RESEARCH, OPERATIONS, ETC, BUT THESE ARE UNLIKELY TO BE  
APPROVED. IN ANY CASE, AFRICANIZATION WILL PROBABLY FOLLOW  
CREATION OFGA STUDY GROUP AND IS NOT LIKELY TO OCCUR FOR  
A LEAST ANOTHER YEAR. PALMER

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